

**SAMOA****Arrangement of Provisions**

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**2016, No. 15****AN ACT to amend the Citizenship Act 2004 (“principal Act”).***[24<sup>th</sup> August 2016]***BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:

- 1. Short title and commencement:**
  - (1) This Act may be cited as the Citizenship Amendment Act 2016.
  - (2) This Act commences on the date of assent.
- 2. Section 7 amended:**

For section 7 of the principal Act after subsection (3), insert new subsection (4) as follows:

“(4) As an exception to subsection (1) to (3), a person born outside Samoa is a citizen of Samoa by descent provided that at the time of the person’s birth at least 1 grandparent of the person is or was a Samoan citizen by birth.”.

**3. Transitional:**

Section 7 of the principal Act (as amended by this Act) applies to a person who was born outside Samoa before the commencement of this Act, and whose grandparent is or was a citizen of Samoa by birth.

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**The Citizenship Amendment Act 2016 is administered  
by the Ministry of the Prime Minister.**

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